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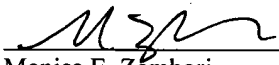
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Plaetinck et al.  
Serial No: 09/347,311  
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For: CHARACTERIZATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING DOUBLE  
STRANDED RNA INHIBITION  
Examiner: Unknown  
Art Unit: 1632

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows, prior to calculation of the fees.

**In the Specification**

On page 10, line 28, after "in", please insert --SEQ ID NO:1--.  
On page 10, line 31, after "pGN100", please insert --SEQ ID NO:2--.  
Please add the enclosed Sequence Listing.

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows.

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4. (amended) A method according to any of claims 1 [to] or 3 wherein said DNA library, homologue or fragment is cloned in a sense and an antisense direction relative to said promoter.
  5. (amended) A method according to any of claims 1 [to] or 3 wherein said DNA library,